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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional)
FY 2005		
(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		
Application Number	10/656,684	Filed Sept. 5, 2003
For Drilling Fluid and Method for Enhanced Suspension		
Art Unit	1712	Examiner Philip C. Tucker

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 05/15/2006 FFANAEIA 00000122 10656684

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. 01 FC:1253 1020.00 0P

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0807. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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I am the applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 30,452

attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34

Karen B. Tripp
Signature

May 10, 2006
Date

Karen B. Tripp
Typed or printed name

713 658 9323
Telephone Number

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

Total of _____ forms are submitted.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

1620.00

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/656,684
Filing Date	September 5, 2003
First Named Inventor	Jeff Miller
Examiner Name	PHILIP C. TUCKER
Art Unit	1712
Attorney Docket No.	HALB:045

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Order None Other (please identify): if charge cannot be made, then
 Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 50-0807 Deposit Account Name: Karen B. Tripp, Attorney

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
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FEE CALCULATION (All the fees below are due upon filing or may be subject to a surcharge.)**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES	
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEESFee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=		50	25	

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP =	3	x 200	= 600			

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x	=	

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 3 month extension

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SUBMITTED BY

Signature	<i>Karen B. Tripp</i>	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 30,452	Telephone 713 658 9323
Name (Print/Type)	Karen B. Tripp		

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